

RESOLUTION OF BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
RE: APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES GRANT  
UNDER SECTION 703 OF THE HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1965.

WHEREAS Section 703 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 authorizes the making of grants of Federal funds to any local public body or agency to assist in financing the development cost of neighborhood facilities necessary for carrying out programs of community service; and

WHEREAS the Boston Redevelopment Authority (herein sometimes referred to as "Applicant") deems it to be necessary and in the public interest to provide certain facilities of the type contemplated in said Section 703 and to undertake a project (hereinafter called the "Neighborhood Facilities Project") with Federal grant assistance, described as THE ROXBURY-NORTH DORCHESTER AREA CENTER; and

WHEREAS it is recognized that the Federal contract for such financial assistance pursuant to said Section 703 will impose certain obligations and responsibilities upon the Applicant and will require among other things (1) the provision of the local share of the cost of the Neighborhood Facilities Project, (2) assurances that families or individuals displaced as a result of the development of the Neighborhood Facilities Project will be offered decent, safe, and sanitary housing within their means, (3) the making of relocation payments in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, (4) compliance with Federal labor standards, and (5) compliance with Federal requirements relating to equal employment opportunity; and

WHEREAS Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating that Title, provide that no person shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the undertaking and carrying out of projects receiving Federal financial assistance:

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT RESOLVES:

1. That an application on behalf of the Boston Redevelopment Authority be made to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant under Section 703 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, in an amount equal to two-thirds of the development cost of the Neighborhood Facilities Project, such development cost now estimated to be \$1,300,669.

2. That the Neighborhood Facilities Project (a) is necessary for carrying out a program of health, recreational, social, or similar community service in the area, (b) is consistent with comprehensive planning for the development of the community, and (c) will be available for use by a significant number of the area's low or moderate-income residents.

3. That the Development Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application, to execute such contract or contracts as may be necessary for the grant applied for, to provide such information and furnish such documents as may be required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and to act as the authorized representative of the Applicant in the accomplishment of the Neighborhood Facilities Project.

4. That the United States of America and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development be, and they hereby are, assured of full compliance by the Applicant with the regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

5. That the Neighborhood Facilities Project will be carried out in full compliance with applicable Federal statutes and regulations of the Secretary of Labor pertaining to the employment of laborers and mechanics on projects assisted with Federal funds.

MEMORANDUM

~~October 26, 1967~~

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TO: Boston Redevelopment Authority

FROM: Francis X. Cuddy, Development Administrator

SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM  
DISPOSITION PARCEL J-5A  
WASHINGTON PARK URBAN RENEWAL AREA R-24  
(A) TENTATIVE DESIGNATION OF REDEVELOPER  
(B) SUBMISSION OF NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES  
GRANT APPLICATION

**SUMMARY:** This memo requests that the Authority tentatively designate The Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, Inc., as redeveloper of Disposition Parcel J-5A and adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application under Section 703 (The Neighborhood Facilities Grant Program) of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965.

(A) On December 2, 1966, the Authority voted to endorse a program proposal of The Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, Inc. to develop a portion of Site J-5 in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area as a multi-service neighborhood facility. This endorsement was based on the Center's firm commitment to provide at least a \$500,000 facility on the site and, contingent upon the receipt of a Neighborhood Facilities Grant, to expand the building program to a cost of approximately \$1,250,000.

In accordance with revised Federal procedures, the BRA has become the Applicant for the grant under the Neighborhood Facilities Grant Program which provides financial and technical assistance for the development of centers which can house health, recreational, social and other community services and activities for low and moderate income persons.

Pursuant to a letter application submitted by the Authority on May 25, 1967, a grant reservation of \$867,113 was established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development on June 27, 1967 to finance the development of the proposed facility. This grant reservation represents the maximum Federal grant which will be made available for the Center through the Authority. This grant reservation also authorizes the incurrence of architectural and related social planning costs as defined by the policies of the Neighborhood Facilities Program.

The Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, Inc., designed to fulfill the specific activities of this program, will develop the facility with private funds and Federal grant funds to be disbursed through and administered by the Authority. The proposed Redeveloper will own and operate the facility to be constructed on Parcel J-5A subject to Authority and Federal controls and restrictions. The overall activities to be provided by the Neighborhood facility will be coordinated with all appropriate neighborhood groups by ABCD.

Based upon the amount of the grant reservation, and the amount to be provided by the redeveloper, and the extent to which preliminary plans have advanced, it is recommended that the Authority adopt the first attached Resolution tentatively designating The Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, Inc. as redeveloper of Disposition Parcel J-5A.

(B) As a condition to the allocation of the grant funds, it is necessary that the Authority submit by October 31, 1967, a formal 703 Grant Application and supportive documentation. One of the supportive documents required is a resolution by the governing board of the applicant, the Authority, authorizing the applicant to submit such application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. In compliance with this requirement, a resolution in a form prescribed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development is attached. This resolution authorizes the Development Administrator to execute and submit to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, on behalf of the Authority, a formal 703 application, and to execute such contract or contracts as may be necessary for the grant applied for, to provide such information and furnish such documents as may be required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and to act as the authorized representative of the Applicant in the accomplishment of the Neighborhood Facilities Project.

It is therefore recommended that the Authority adopt the second attached Resolution authorizing the submission of the formal Neighborhood Facilities Grant Application.

Attachments